Later in the day they issued a state

ment, saying: "It should be observed that in nent, saying:

"It should be observed that in the astutely drawn proposition of Mr. Mitchell and his committee, the operators are asked to submit to arbitration of the question of the closed abop and the 'Check-off,' and refer to the latter as a scheme involving a plan which would make of every operator a collecting agency on behalf of the strike fund of the inners. In their letter of March 8th to the Miners' committee, the operators said concerning the 'check-off. As a matter of policy, we would not make such an agreement as you request, and as a matter of law, we are not permitted to make it."

The operators at their meeting decided that before they would frame a reply to the miners they would get the southment of the heads of all the coalcarrying roads, as well as that of the independent operators.

### THINK PLAN WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Operators Not Enthusiastic Over Proposition of Miners-Situation in Fields.

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 5.—In the anthracite region the arbitration proposition made by the miners' representatives to the operators during the conference in New York to-day is regarded in varying lights by the different interests involved. Those of the operators in the region who could be induced to venture an opinion expressed the helief that it will not be necepted. Various reasons for its rejection are advanced, among them the disinclination of the operators to leave the solution of the technical mining problems to an umpire, who might prove incompetent.

To an umpire, who might prove incompetent.

"Judge Gray may be all right, but some one else may be all wrong," was the way one operator expressed it. Judge Gray was asked to-night at his home in Wilning to act as umpire in the event of the operators accepting President Mitchell's propossion. He declined, however, to discuss, giving as his reason that he had not been officially requested to serve in that capacity.

The fact that President Mitchell's proposition was not presented before he ordered a suspension of mining, it is declared, is likely to militate against it.

Situation in Fields.

Situation in Fields.

Situation in Fields.

The situation in the coal fields remains unchanged. Occasional disturbances are reported from various sections, but they are regarded as inconsequent. As a result of the attacks made on the breaker of the Fernwood/Colliery, the Eric Company, which owns the land occupied by the mine workers, has ordered them to vacate the property. The miners are said to have shot out nearly every window in the breaker. e breaker. A detail of State police to-day arrested

A detail of State police to-day arrested seven Italian laborers at Mocanaqua, near Wilkesbarre, who yesterday prevented non-union men from operating the west end washery.

As a result of the suspension of mining operations, all of the railroad companies which handle hard coal have reduced either their forces or the working hours. Four thousand laborers on the Pennsylvania Railroad are now working on half time. More than two thousand of these are employed in the car and repair shops in this city. Many freight crews on the Lehigh Valley and the Reading Railroads have also been temporarily suspended.

### INDEPENDENTS SHOW SIGNS OF YIELDING

Will Likely Agree To-day to Sign Scale-Dolan Expelled.

pelled.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURG, April 5.—Gradually the controversial situation in the soft coal mining fields is assuming a normal aspect, especially in the Pittsburg district. Forty-three of the mines of the Pittsburg Coal Company were reported in operation to-day, and with the adjourning of the district convention here to-day, it is expected that it will be but a few days more when all the mines in this district will be in operation. This, to-night, was said to apply as well to the independent operators who have heretofore fought the granting of the advance demand by the miners as to those operators who have already signed the sgale.

The independent, operators of this district, who, Tuesday night, formed an organization to curry on their light against the granting of the scale, will hold a meeting to-morrow night, and it is expected that in view of the increase of mines in operation the independents will decide to sign the scale. Seven of the independent companies which refused to join the action of the others. Tuesday night, signed the scale to-day.

Tumultuous Session.

Tumultuous Session.

The district convention, which has been in a turnultuous session for several weeks, adjourned to-day. The situation in the mining fields was discussed at length. It is expected now that as soon as the delegates arrive at their respective mines and explain the situation, all the miners will return to work. Up to the present time 22 coal companies in this district have signed the scale.

have signed the scale.

The convention ddid not adjourn, before taking a vote to expel Patrick Dolan and Uriah Bellingham from the organization.

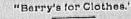
Elsewhere about the bluminous field the situation remains unchanged. At Roscoce, Pa. 2,500 miners returned to work while Irwin, Somerset and Johnstown still remain threatening storm centers. At Somerset, where 6,000 miners are out, dispatches to-night report everything quiet.

It is notable feature throughout the entire bluminous field that all the disturbances reported have been confined to the foreign element.

Jockey Dead.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW OHLEANS, April 5.—Jockey
Shilling, filler in the fourth race at City
Park to-day, died to-night.

WOODSTOCK, VA.—The stave and heading factory of Capt. John H. Grabill, of Woodstock, sluated in Powell's Fort, Shenandosh county, was burned last night. Loss, \$4,000, no insurance. The fire started from the engine.



"Berry's for Clothes."

MOST MEN LIKE TO SEE THE NEW SPRING THINGS, EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE NOT READY TO BUY YOU'RE EQUALLY WELCOME IN EITHER CASE HERE.



The Top Coat, made for our spring trade, has a velvet collar, is cut long enough to cover your long sack, loose enough to give the right air, and is slightly fitted in at the back to give the right style.

It's \$20 and looks \$35.

Top Coats from \$10 to \$28.

It will be a genuine pleasure to you to lay in your supply of spring wearables here. Our stock is so ample--our ments so handsome and

stylish. Soft hats in "fetching" shapes Neckwear in delicate spring



We have learned by experi

We have learned by experience that mothers appreciate
good clothing for boys, and this
spring we have gathered here
is the best that is made.
Some of it of a much finer
quality than can be found in
other clothing stores, but we
have customers who want the
best, and here it is.

Suits, \$8.50 up.
Top Coats, \$5 up.
Coats for girls and misses-the swellest creations--\$5 to

Boys' Dry-foot Shoes, \$1.80 Leggins, Sweaters, Stockings, Caps--everything for the pro-per outlitting of your boys.



GREAT FIGHT FOR

# DOWIE LEAVES TO

against Voliva led by Deacon Wilhite, and several other deacons. Voliva has challanged the faith of Zion by denying that Dowle is the reincarnated "Elijah," that he is divinely inspired, that he has received direct messages from the Delty, or that he has the power to give absolution for sins. think Richmond could make : good show

tion for sins.
"If these things are true," say the anti-vollve faction, "what is left of the faith-ful of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion."

Zion."
Voliva has a plan to change the constitution of the church, so that those of Presbyterian faith my be admitted. This change, it is said, contemplated a complete overthrow of the religious principles set down by Dowle. Polagamy in Mexico,

Polagamy in Mexico.

Deacons Excell, Brasefield and Sprecher are said to have become so dissatisfied that they withdrew from a meeting where Vollva proposed the plan.

Search of Dowle's papers has revealed positive evidence that he planned to establish polygamy in Mexico.

By a decision in the Appellate Court to-day judgment was given againts Dowle for \$54,000 by setting aside a legacy of that amount from Frederick Sutton, a New Zealander. The upper court held Dowle obtained the legacy from an Insane man.

What Wife Says.

What Wife Says.

What Wife Says.

John Alexander Dowle's alleged domestyranny was laid bare before two hundred and fifty overseers, elders, deacons, deaconesses and teachers at a meeting in Zion University building this ovening, Mrs. Jane Dowle, wife of the deposed "First Apostle" and in detail Dowle's conduct toward her during the past two years. Mrs. Dowle related at the meeting her husband's alleged efforts to convert her to the idea of plural marriage, It was to further his plans polygamy, she deelred, that he had developed the "Paradise Plantation" project to be carried out in Mexico.

# CHARLES BROWN IS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SUFFOLK, VA., April 5.—A jury in the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight county to-night brought a verdiet finding Charles B. Brown guiltless of the muriler of Monroe Butler last November 4th. Both are white. The trial last three days. Brown claimed self-defense. He said, after they had had disputes over the division of crops, Butler came on his farm and threatened him with a knife and later drew on him a gun, which he snapped once. Then the defendant got a gun and shot Butler to death. There was no witness to the shooting. was no witness to the shooting.

During the trial Brown's wife and children sat beside him.

### VIRGINIA BRIEFS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHASE CITY VA., April 5.—L. W. Faris & Co., merchants of this place, have made an assignment to T. D. Jeffress, trustee, for benefit of all creditors. No preferences; complete surrender of all stock and fixtures. Liabilities not yet definitely ascertained.
SALEM, VA.—Mr. Marion Huddle, of Rural Retreat, who is a student at Roanoke College, was walking on the railroad track near Salem yesterday afternoon when an engine struck hint, shattering his arm and wounding him severely in the head.
STAUNTON, VA.—It is understood that Bishop Van de Vyver has announced the transfer of Rev. Father J. Frioli, of St. Francis Catholic church, to Newport News, and his congregation are much stirred up over the decision.

pectant mother must pass usually is so full of suffering, danger and fear that she looks forward to the critical

hour with apprehension and dread. Mother's Friend, by its penetrating and soothing properties, allays nausea, nervousness, and all unpleasant feelings, and

so prepares the system for the ordeal that she passes through the event safely and with but little suffering, as numbers have testified and said, "it is worth its weight in gold." \$1.00 per bottle of druggists. Book containing valuable information mailed free.

THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga.

Is to love children, and no home can be completely

happy without them, yet the ordeal through which the ex-

> Mr. Barr's Assistant Declares Matter Not Under Consideration.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., April 5 .- "The matter

CLEVER YOUNG DEBATERS WHO HAVE JOINT CONTEST TO-NIGHT

The four young men whose photographs are reproduced here will have joint debate to-night at William and Mary College. Messrs. Faison and Heflin representing William and Mary, and Messrs. James and McClintick representing Randolph-Macon.



MR. E. B. FAISON, William and Mary.



Great interest is being taken by the are recognized as being able and elostudent body and the people of Williamsburg in the debate which is to be held hurg in the debate which is to be held to-night in the college chapel between William and Mary and Ramdolph-Macon, In the preliminary debite at the formit institution to decide as to which two of the four contestants should represent William and Mary, Messrs. E. B. Falson and John W. Heflin were chosen. Messrs. A. T. James and C. F. McClintick will represent Randolph-Macon. All the mon



MR. J. W. HEFLIN, William and Mary!



quent speakers, and strong, weighty speeches are expected from the four

men.

This is the first debating contest in which the two institutions have been engaged in alone, and the greatest interest is being manifested as to its outcome in both colleges. After the contest, refreshments will be served in the college gymnasium, and a band secured for the occasion will discourse lively and popular airs.

## ..Our Industrial Section..

The industrial section of the Sunday Times-Dispatch, which is an innovation in journalism, is attracting widespread attention. It has been found by business men to be a store-house of information and a fine advertising medium.

The industrial section of next Sunday's issue will be of greater interest throughout Virginia than any yet printed. There will be special articles on the development and prosperity of a number of Virginia cities. Local building, real estate and other industrial features will be thoroughly covered.

And every other section of the big Sunday paper, like this one, will be up to a high standard.

here in the way of taxation. It would be well to bear this in mind when dealing with the company in this matter of the offices.

"You may put me down as saying that I have no doubt we can get the offices. I am satisfied that if we put up a strong fight we can get them. We have them in our neighborhood now; we must get them to Richmond and keep them here. I for one shall put forth every effort to secure them for Richmond."

Would Be Great Loss.

Would Be Great Loss.

Mr. E. L. Bemiss had something to say about the proposed change in the location of the offices of the Scaboard:

"I would regret nothing more than to learn that the Scaboard company had moved their offices out of the State. It would be a great loss to us. A large organization like this, employing so many men, cannot but be beneficial to any city, and I would glory in Richmond's success in bringing the official within her limits. The offices would mean the addition of about lifty families to the city, which would mean much immediate and tactical good to the city that acquires them, I hosp the Chamber of Commerce will take the matter up at once and bring it to a successful issue. I shall be glad to see Richmond come into a heritage that has always been here. hWile I am sorry to see Portsmouth lose so good a prize, yet since it is so, it might as well fall to the share of Richmond as any other city. To me it seems that the thing which will bring us success is the putting up of a good fight by every business man and organization in the city."

Mr. L. Z. Morris, talking along the same line, said:

"I should hate to see this city lose

Mr. L. Z. Morris, talking along the amo line, said:
"I should hate to see this city lose such a plum. Richmond is the largest manufacturing center in the South, and certainly on the Seaboard Air Line. There is no question about that, it would do us a world of good if we could get the offices here. Yes, I think it is now up to the city to get the site of the offices, and by getting together there ought to be no reason why we should not get them here."

NOT YET DISCUSSED.

ias not been discussed at all," said Mr. A. W. Towsley, assistant to President Barr, in replying to a query from The Times-Dispatch correspondent to fight relative to the possible removal of the Scaboard general offices from Norfolw and Portsmouth and Portsmouth.
"What are the probabilities of their being transferred to Richmond?" be way

"I say the matter has not yet been dis-

cussed." was his reply to that interroga-

"I prefer not to discuss the matter," No other general officers of the Sca-board were available for interview here

to-night on the possible removal of the offices. Most of them are out of the city. Should the Scaboard decide to take the

Should the Seaboard decide to take the offices away from here, the move will be met with strong opposition from the City Councils of Norfolk and Portsmouth, as well as the business interest of the two cities.

eities.

Mr. Caldwell Hardy, president of the Norfolk National Bank and chairman of the union depot committee of the Chamber of Commerce, in speaking for the Chamber of Commerce and himself, said; "I have not been told that the offices might be moved from here. It is the first I have heard of it. Of course, we will make an effort to keep them here should we be advised that a removal of them is contemplated." them is contemplated.

them is contemplated."

A committee from the Board of Trade and Councils of Portsmouth met to-night for the purpose of considering plans for the retention of the offices here, should the management of the Scaboard decide

### FAINTED WHILE AT RICHSTAG

(Continued from First Page.)

she had drawn closer - to France, wanted to give significance to the fact that Germany was not a negligible quantity and that the text and basis of an international treaty could not be changed without the consent of the signatory powers, and that the door for (ree foreign powers, and that the door for tree foreign competition must be kept open in important territories near two of the world's trade routes. An international conference was, we thought, the best means to peacefully attain these aims. So great was our confidence in our firm basis of right that we entered into a conference, knowing that three great powers were tied to France by special agreements and that a fourth was her ally. We had to press our desire against the ma-

Availive Broads Guanne Curu a Cold in Cus Day, Grip is 2 Days & M. Larrecan bes. Sin

jority of the great powers, and I desire to acknowledge the firmness and tenacity with which the German delegates held to our just demands. France has been as conciliatory as Germany, in striving to find a solution for the police question, and in the future we can now go for ward quitely, as the result of the conference is as satisfactory to Germany as to France and all civilized lands."

Will Take Rest

Parliament adjourned to-day until April

ARSON CASE. Jury Unable to Agree and Retire for the Night.

for the Night.

(Special to The Times-Pispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C. April 5.—The jury has been out since six o'clock considering evidence charging Frank Moore and Bunch Burch with burning the iplant of the Standard Oil Company here and murdering Night Watchman Strickland.

At their request Judge Council gave further instructions at ten o'clock to-night. However, being unable to reach a verdict the jury retired for the night at eleven o'clock.

Cotton Works Closed. LODZ, RUSSIAN POLAND, April 5.— Schiebler's cotton works here has been closed indefinitely, owing to continual strikes and disturbances. More than seven thousand employes have been dismissed.

### THE OLD "BIJOU" CHANGES HANDS (Continued from First Page.)

priced place of amusement, was a marked success from the beginning and really inaugurated the large and growing Wells's circuit of theatres. The Blou Company
finally bought the property and greatly improved the theatre, whileh was successfully conducted until the new Bljou on the next square was bullt and occupled. Since then the old structure has been use das a skating rink and for other temporary amusement purposes. other temporary amusement purposes.

What the future of the place shall be remains to be, seen.

OBITUARY,

Mrs. Elizabeth V. Dickerson.

Mrs. Elizabeth V. Dickerson, heloved wife of John H. Dickerson, died yesterday moroning April 5, 1988, at 10 o clock, in the seventieth year of her age. She is survived by her husband and the following children: John H. Jr., Mary V. Mrs. H. V. B. Moore, Mrs. J. C. Drinard and Charles W. Dickerson, of this city, and Joseph E. Dickerson, of Ashoville,

## **Highest Class Pianos**

Perfect in Every Particular

The fact forever holds good, that if a Plane is wanting in any one particular it is not fit to occupy a place in your home.



There are various makes that partly measure up to the stando not meet half the requirements. Maybe the defect is in the tone, volume, touch,

all the difference in the instrument. Often it will make you wish your money backeven doubt the honesty of all

Our line, headed by the Steinway, is famous on more than two continents. The musical experts and a discerning public love to call them perfeet Instruments.

Made to grace a cottage or a palace, they are not "cheap Planos," but reasonably priced ones that we sell on terms that put them within reach of YOU. Rend the list:

Steinway, Weber. Hardman.

Steck, Kimball,

Wheelock, Standard. Haines. Planelas, Victor Talking Machines and Kimbali Organs. You will

Walter D. Moses & Co.

Oldest Music House in Virginia,

Mail Orders Filled. 103 East Broad.

N. C., as well as one sister. Mrs. H. T. Enst, of this city. Mrs. Dickerson was the daughter of the late John Jacob, of this city. She was long a member of Grove-Avenue Baptist church. The funeral will be from the residence, yol west Main street, Saturday afternoon at 3:30 cicles.

Funeral of Miss Ellis.

The timeral of Miss Mildred A. Ellis who died at her home, 510 West Marshal Street, last Tuesday, took place at 1. o'clock yesterday morning from the home The body was interred in Riverview Cem-G. D. Emrick.

Mr. G. D. Emrick died yesterday at his home at Highland Springs, after several weeks' illness. The following children survive are Messrs. H. D. and William, Missos Annie and Vinnie, and Mrs. Fannie Clayton, the last of St. Elmo, Va. The funeral takes place to-morrow at it o'clock from the house.

Mrs. M. H. Williams

Mrs. M. H. Williams

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

(DEXINOTON, VA., April 5.—Information has been received here of the death in San Antonio, Texas, of Mrs. Margaret Houston Williams, a daughter of General Houston twilliams, a daughter of General Houston Williams, a daughter of General Houston in Mrs. Williams hore a striking resemblance to her distinguished father. She acted as his private secretary during the closing years of this life. Mrs. Williams bore a striking resemblance to her distinguished father. She acted as his private secretary during the closing years of this life. Mrs. Williams visited Lexington some fifeen years ago. She was born in Huntaville, Texas, in 1848. Five children survive her.

G J, Downing, G J. Downing,

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

(EATHSVILLE, VA., April 8-3ir. G.
J. Downing died this morning of consumption at his home here, aged about twenty-six years. He will be burled in the old family burying-ground. Mr. Downing went to Colorado last summer, but found he was steadily growing worse, so returned home. He was greatly loved by all who knew him.

Mrs. R. M. Allen. Mrs. B. M. Allen. Mrs. B. W. Alicn.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FIFE, VA. April 6.—Mrs. Bernice M. Alien, of this place, died at her home Tuesday afternoon, in the twenty-seventh year of her age. Mrs. Alien has been in bad health for some time, but during the past six monitis, her suffering was such as few are ever called upon to endure.

Her husband, Mr. Young J. Alien; two children, father, two brothers, Messrs, E. A., W. A. and H. A. Ransom, of Buchanan, and one sister, Mrs. Christian Allen, survive her.

Crockett Price.

Crockett Price. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RADFORD, VA. April 5-Mr. Crockett
Price, of Price's Fork, one of the wealthlest farmers of the county, died Tuesday
at his home, after a long illness, about
seventy-six years of age. He owned large
interests in the Price's Mountain coal
floids, leased and operated by a Roanoke
company.

ompany. C. B. Snyder.

to our just demands. France has been as conciliatory as Germany, in interest in the first and in the future we can now go forward quitely, as the result of the conference is as satisfactory to Germany as to France and all civilized lands."

Will Take Rest.

Professor Renvers has advised Chancellor Von Buolow to take a month's rest.

Parllament adjourned to day will be a conciderate Veterans, of which he was an bonored member.

Mrs. Margaret Johnston.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALEM, VA. April 6.—Miss Margaret
Johnston, who has been principal of the
Salem graded school for a number of
years, died lags nlight at Memorial Hospital. In Richmond. The remains will be
brought here for interment. She is survived by three brothers, William, Goorge
and Jeter Johnston, and two sisters, Mrs.
Terry, of Arkansas, and Mrs. Fowler, of
Florida.

Dr A. W. Eskridge.

Or A. W. Eskridge.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDFRICKSBURG, VA., April 5.—Dr.

A. W. Eskridge died a few days ago at
his home in lower Fauquier county, of
dropsy. aged sixty-eight years. He is
survived by two sons, T. W. Eskridge, of
Baltimore, and C. A. Eskridge, of the
United States navy, besides other relatives.

Mice J. S. Weiter.

Miss L. S. Waite, (Special to The Times Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., April 5.—Miss
Louise Stuart Watte died this afternoot
at the home of her brother, Major Harrison Walle.

Alexander Gilmore (Special to The Times-Dispatch,)
RADFORD, VA., April 5.—Mr. Alexander
illinore, a respected farmer of the county
led Tuesday at a very advanced age,
eaving a large family of children.

DEATHS.

DICKERSON.—Died, April 5, 1966, at her residence, 901 West Main, street Mrs. BLIZABETH V. DICKERSON, in the seventielk year of her age. Funeral from above residence SATURDAY AFTERNOON, April 7, 1966, at 8:30 o'clock.

EMRICK.—Died, April 5, 1906, at High-land Springs, Henrico county, Va., G. D. EMRICK, aged sixty-eight years, Funeral services from the home BAT-URDAY, April 7th at 11 A. M.

JENKINS.—Died, April 6th, 12:05 A. M., at her residence, 409 West Chry street, after a short illness, SARAH E., wife of L. C. Jenkins, Puneral notice later.

SPOTT.-Died, at Baltimore, Md., April 4th, at 10 P. M., CHARLES SPOTT, Jr., In the forty-fifth year of his age, Funeral will take place from Main-Street Depot at 2:14 P. M., TO-DAY, In-terment at Hollywood. IF TRAVELING IN JAPAN
Or any civilized country, you can procure Laxalive Hromo quinting from drugstest. All nations
use it. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box.

We Have It. You Can Get It. Skilled Workmanship.

The Best Prices.

The Finest and Exclusive

Wall **Papers** 

to sell it again. We have this guarantee signed by the presidents of the largest importers and manufactors of the world, that they will not sell their line to another firm of our city.

Get a look at our new store, where these fine goods are displayed in panols on our walls. The entire scheme designed and decorated under the personal management of R. B. Brauer.

By special request we are to photograph it to be recopied for one of the largest Wall Paper Magazines in the world.

R. B. BRAUER, 120 East Broad.

Roses, Cut Flowers. and Designs.

Largest Stock. Hammond.

Florist,

Improved Slag, Granite and Gravel

109 East Broad Street.

for Dwellings, Stables, Factories, Warehouses, &c. Guaranteed ten years. Reference, American Tobacco Company, American Locomotive Works, Richmend Cedar Works, American National Bank, Mutual Building, Jefferson Hotel, Richmend Hotel, Chesterfield Flats, Kidd's Flats, &c.

Armitage Manufacturing Co.,

## SEED!

Clover, Timothy, Grass Seed,

Seed Oats, Corn, Potatoes, &c We make a specialty of High-Grade Field Seeds, buy in large quantities, and are pre-pared to make low prices, quality considered. Write us when buying.

**Cow or Stock Peas** 

WALLERSTEIN PRODUCE CO.,

FLOOR PAINTS. BEST READY-MIXED PAINTS,

TANNER PAINT & OIL CO,

John H. Dickerson & Co.

Make Harness, Saddles, Bridles, &c

N R. SAVAGE & SON. GRAIN AND SEED MERCHANTS, RICHMOND, VA.

10-21 S. 18th Street.

Waxene, Floor Wax, Brushes, &c

Buy of THEM, and you will get the best, and KNOW what you are getting. REPAIRING neatly done.

ROOFING